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SUBJECT: DUTCH MFA ON "PEACE CONSOLIDATION" IN MOLDOVA PAPER

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Classified By: ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR NATHANIEL DEAN FOR REASONS 1.
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(C) ACTING POLCOUNS DELIVERED REFTEL COMMENTS TO DUTCH MFA OSCE TASK FORCE OFFICERS GEOFFREY VAN LEEUWEN AND WILLEMIJN KALLENBERG ON JUNE 13. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, THE DUTCH PLAN TO SHARE THEIR DRAFT PAPER ON A "PEACE CONSOLIDATION" FORCE IN MOLDOVA WITH BOTH THE MOLDOVANS AND THE RUSSIANS. OWING TO HOM HILL'S PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK, THEY PLAN TO PASS THEIR PAPER VIA THE MOLDOVAN AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA EARLY IN THE WEEK. THEY WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE GOM A CHANCE TO DIGEST THEIR IDEAS BEFORE SHARING THE PAPER WITH THE RUSSIANS. THE DUTCH ACCEPTED WASHINGTON'S SUGGESTION OF DELETING REFERENCE TO A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF TROOPS FOR THE FORCE SO AS TO AVOID THE RUSSIANS POCKETING A SPECIFIC NUMBER. CONCERNING REFERENCE TO THE EU'S "EXISTING PLANNING, COMMAND AND CONTROL CAPACITY," THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON THE TEXT (ACTING POLCOUNS WAS SHOWN LATEST DRAFT AND MFA'S NATO-CENTRIC SECURITY POLICY DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO SOUGHT TO ADJUST THIS LANGUAGE). THEY CURRENTLY PLAN TO ADD AN ANNEX TO THE PAPER SPELLING OUT THE ESDP ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING HOW THE RUSSIANS MIGHT BE WOVEN INTO AN EU-LED FORCE. (MFA OSCE TASK FORCE CHIEF AMB. EVERTS STRESSED IN HIS JUNE 12 MEETING WITH AMB. PERINA THAT THE DUTCH WOULD INSIST THAT ANY EU OPERATION BE CONSISTENT WITH BERLIN PLUS ARRANGEMENTS.) VAN LEEUWEN SAID THAT WHILE THE FORCE WOULD HAVE AN OSCE MANDATE, THE EU WOULD MAINTAIN POLITICAL CONTROL OF THE MILITARY OPERATION, WITH THE RUSSIANS INCLUDED AT THE TROOP LEVEL. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EU THE DUTCH WOULD PLAN TO HAVE HIREP SOLANA DISCUSS THE PLAN WITH VORONIN AND THEN FM IVANOV.
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